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COHESION OR DIVISION?

During the past few weeks the critics have been pointing out with unusual vigor that Germany has lost her military campaign; that the contest at arms has brought defeat, and that the only possible hope she can have is that she may recoup her fortunes by a resort to diplomatic strategy.

That the German has turned to the last remaining avenue of escape with a desperation born of a great emergency; that he will adopt any form of trickery or deception; that he will sacrifice whatever vestige there is remaining of honor, in order to extricate himself from disaster, are foregone conclusions.

He has played his last card. Whether it came from his hand, from the deck or from his sleeve, we shall shortly learn.

In procuring the services of President Wilson to act as the vehicle for the transmission of his request for terms of an armistice to the allies, he has played a bold and audacious hand. It is the play upon which he has staked everything.

If the undivided answer comes back from Foch and the other military leaders that an armistice will be granted upon terms of unconditional surrender, with the allies in position to enforce the terms by the adoption of the proper safeguards, such as they may regard as necessary, then the German has played a losing hand.

If there is division among the allies; if the terms of some are not satisfactory to others; if some are lenient and others severe, then the German has outmaneuvered his adversaries and he has won.

We are not among those who are apprehensive over the outcome of this battle of wits, but the stake is too big not to excite our unflagging interest.

The German army progressed very well while there was a division of allied command in the field. When the vast armies on the western front became a unit under a single command and the tide of fortune turned, it became at once an irresistible force that would not be denied.

The statesmen of the allied countries have been operating with a close affiliation. The German was not slow to appreciate the significance of their co-operation. His last note was intended as a wedge to be driven between them.

If the terms that shall be agreed upon represent the united views and strength of the allies there may be no recourse except for the German to accept them. Assuredly there will be no recourse except to abide by them or keep on fighting. He is hoping, however, that he will be the beneficiary of a division of sentiment.

Cohesion is the thing that has brought the allies to their dominant position. If they should fall apart the supreme purpose of the German would be achieved, and we would not be far removed from any calamity, that might be imagined.

This is the time beyond all others that we should display a solid front. The soldiers have been required to fight together, and they have responded valiantly, and it is not too much to demand of the statesmen of all the countries associated in the conduct of the war that they shall stand together.

The United States went into this war in behalf of humanity, justice and righteousness, and to make the world safe for democracy. We went into it asking for no material reward, no territorial acquisition and expecting no compensation.

Our provocation was sufficient, it was cumulative, but it did not compare with Belgium, which was crushed, with France, which had been invaded, or with England, which was threatened with annihilation.

When we went into this war we joined fortunes, as we joined forces, with the allies. We knew for what they fought. We knew full well what the penalty would be if Germany were victorious, and we knew equally as well what the allies would impose if they were victorious.

So far as we know the allies have never lost sight of their ultimate object, nor have they made any effort to conceal it from Germany.

Perhaps the 14 terms as laid down by President Wilson as a basis for peace do not fully contemplate the allied aims. If they do not the American people are willing that they shall be enlarged to conform to their views.

The American people do not insist, we believe they do not even desire, that the United States shall assume supremacy in the dictation of the terms of peace. The voice that should be heard most distinctly at the council table is not the nation that is strongest, but the nation that has suffered most.

The Nashville Banner says Leland Rankin has located in Paris for "Y" work, and "while looking after the spiritual interests of our boys over there, he is doubtless acquiring a bunch of French patois that will give a naive to the stories he attempts to put over when he comes marching home." No doubt he will, for they do say that they are irresistible and Leland can entertain a bunch.

The president took a walk the other day and visited the jewelry store of Galt & Bros., on Pennsylvania avenue. Maybe the politicians will do it out that he will not be a candidate for a third term if he shows an interest in his wife's business.

The Republicans in St. Louis have pasted posters on bill boards with the inscription, "Good-bye, Joe." They are a little premature. Folk doesn't start for Washington until after the election.

The Pall Mall Gazette, of London, says it is amazed by the audacity of the Germans. And we thought there was nothing the German could do that would surprise anybody.

All must admit that Prince Max talks right out in meeting. The Kaiser may as well make up his mind to step down from his evil eminence.

The German people can save themselves in the eyes of the world by throwing the Kaiser and his brood overboard.

Prunes, even at 30 cents the pound, remind us that peace hath her victories, no less renowned than war.

A rainy spell at this season usually ushers in a cold snap. A good coal pile is a wise provision.

The German press is becoming bold enough to call its soul its own.

Movie of a Man Calling a Telephone Number—By Briggs

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BY GOLLY WHILE I'M HERE IN NEW BEDFORD I'M GOING TO CALL UP ED OESTING—LET ME SEE—OH—HERE'S THE NUMBER—WINSLOW 2666.

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